

## **Bamberg County**

### **1. What does educational achievement mean to our community?**

- Scoring well on state report cards
- Enhances economic growth
- Children work up to their full potential
- Compete with the world
- Safer community
- Everything
- Preparing the student so he/she can go into the world and support himself/herself
- Economic growth
- Increase the intelligence level
- Improve interpersonal relationships – tolerance of differences

### **2. What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)**

- More money for resources to help in homes/families and after school programs
- Interactive lessons for students and training for teachers
- The training for teachers so that they are able to teach every student in their class regardless of levels
- Release teachers from teaching grade level standards so they can spend some time meeting the educational needs of the student
- Stronger leaders and better parent-teacher relationships
- Money
- Community Involvement
- Political will
- Curriculum – interesting courses with real world application
- Qualified teachers
- Discipline
- Fair distribution of funding

#### **Challenges:**

- Low expectations are a reality
- Poverty

#### **Strengths**

- Increase in parental involvement
- Community theater
- PTA's

### **3. What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**

- After school programs
- Business and school partnerships
- Program that student participate in – motivated to succeed
- Industry – school to work, shadowing, mentoring
- Supportive law enforcement
- Latchkey programs

- First Steps
- Junior Leadership
- Church support

**4. What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**

- Better developed community and school involvement (more coordinated, targeted effort)
- More mentors for students through the churches, nursing homes, etc.
- Make an impact on decreased teenage pregnancies
- Improve community connections
- Home reading programs